

MEDIA RELEASE PSA calls for urgent attention to faulty X-ray machine at Grey's Hospital, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about the faulty X-ray machine at Grey's Hospital in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal.

Patients were turned away recently owing to the X-ray machine that broke down and has now been out of service for two weeks. This situation has a severe impact on service delivery and the well-being of patients. The absence of a functioning X-ray machine compromises the ability of healthcare professionals to diagnose and treat injuries, fractures, chest infections, and various other medical conditions accurately and timeously.

This current situation places additional pressure on vulnerable patients who cannot afford transport costs to alternative healthcare facilities. Patients seeking medical care are being inconvenienced and denied essential diagnostic services because of equipment failure. Delayed diagnoses can lead to worsening health conditions, prolonged suffering, and increased health care costs for patients and the healthcare system.

The PSA calls on the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Health to urgently intervene and ensure that the X-ray machine is repaired or replaced without further delay. In the meantime, patients who urgently require such services should be transported to another health facility that can assist. The health and dignity of patients must remain a priority. It is therefore critical that functioning medical equipment is maintained to ensure quality healthcare. The PSA is committed to protecting the rights and interests of public servants will continue to monitor the situation closely for a swift resolution.

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